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Pedro S. Baranda, et al. : Date: July 20, 1999  
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Title: TENSION MEMBER FOR AN ELEVATOR

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT A

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 1999, having a shortened period  
of response set to expire on September 21, 1999, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 15 and 23-65.

Please amend the claims as follows.

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2. (Once amended) A tension member for providing lifting force to a car of an  
elevator system, the tension member being engageable with a rotatable sheave of the  
elevator system, the tension member having a width w, a thickness t measured in the  
bending direction, and an engagement surface defined by the width dimension of the  
tension member, wherein the tension member has an aspect ratio, defined as the ratio of  
width w relative to thickness t, greater than one, [The tension member according to Claim  
1, further] the tension member including a plurality of individual load carrying ropes

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